

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,

Carr, Ryder and Adams
Company Warehouse
Eleventh and Washington Streets
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-160-AP

HABS
IOWA,
31-DUBU,
13-AP-

**PHOTOGRAPHS
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

Historic American Buildings Survey
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Rocky Mountain Regional Office
P.O. Box 25287
Denver Colorado 80225

HABS,
IOWA,
DUBUQUE,
13-AP-

Carr, Ryder and Adams Company Warehouse

HABS No. IA-160-AP

Site Location: Eleventh and Washington Streets
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.24
Cadastral grid: NE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
Lot description: West 1/2 of City Lot 505
Present Owner: CarAdCo, Inc.
Present Usage: woodworking factory / warehouse
Present Condition: fair / good

Overall Dimensions: 91'x 168'; five stories
Orientation: north
Architectural Description: Plan type: rectangular; 5-story open plan warehouse.
Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls and floor slab.
Structure: reinforced concrete post and slab frame.
Ext. walls: unfinished concrete frame with red brick infill.
Roof: flat composition roof with brick parapet walls and concrete copings.
Chimneys: variety of brick interior stacks.
Windows: multi-light metal industrial sash with loose lintels and concrete lug sills.
Openings: variety of single-leaf and sectional entrance openings with loose lintel heads.
Details: slight pediment on center of front parapet with terra cotta company emblem applied.

Construction Date: 1911; 1918
Architecture Style: 19th Century Functional
Physical History: In 1903 the Carr, Ryder and Adams Company acquired the factory complex of the Novelty Iron Works between Tenth and Eleventh streets in a major expansion of its architectural millwork manufacturing facilities. Carr immediately began modifying the existing brick structures to meet its needs. In 1911 the company added a block-length three-story addition onto the south side of the building to function as a sash and door warehouse. Seven years later, Carr constructed a five-story concrete brick structure on Eleventh Street - another warehouse - which almost doubled the structure's capacity. These last two additions completed the complex; it has undergone relatively minor modifications since.

Significance : The Carr, Ryder and Adams Company Warehouse is historically significant for its association with one of Dubuque's largest manufacturing houses. Architecturally, the 1918 warehouse typifies reinforced concrete fireproof construction of the 1910s.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.
Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1884, 1891, 1909, 1972.
Iowa State Gazetteer and Business Directory: 1882-1923.
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 4-6-4-2.
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental
Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment."

Compiler: Clayton B. Fraser, Fraserdesign, Loveland Colorado
December 1988.